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of millions of their own people. In 1975, the UN condemned our bases in Guam — American sovereign territory. And in 1976, the UN condemned the United States for importing nickel and chrome from anti-Communist Rhodesia. (In the latter case, the United States did not even vote against its own condemnation. The resolution passed 124 to 0, with the U.S. abstaining.)

The UN Rathole — The money we have poured down the UN rathole has not supported American ideals of true human rights and freedom. Instead, our tax dollars have been used for the destruction of freedom.

The solution to the UN rathole is obvious. We should get the United Nations out of the United States and the United States out of the United Nations!

EVERYONE IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH TAXES. But have you ever wondered how much money America's taxpayers have shelled out to the United Nations each year? Read on! When you do, we think you will join the campaign to Get US out! of the United Nations . . .

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A "Blank Check"

The United States began bankrolling the UN in 1946. At that time, the U.S. Congress authorized "... such sums as may be necessary for the payment by the United States of its share of expenses of the United Nations as apportioned by the General Assembly . . ." In other words, we give the UN crowd whatever they ask for! But how much does this "blank check" actually cost?

The U.S. "Contribution"

Presently, we have to pay at least 25 percent of the regular UN budget. By comparison, a majority of the member nations *individually* contributes only 0.02 percent of the budget. As a group, these nations pay less than one-sixteenth the amount contributed by U.S. taxpayers. Yet, they make up more than half the votes in the UN General Assembly.

The UN budget is usually established for a two-year time period. For 1976-77 the budget was \$800 million, \$200 million of which had to be paid by the United States. For 1978-79, the General Assembly approved a record-high \$986 million budget. The United States will therefore have to shell out an additional \$246 million.

But, that's only the tip of the iceberg! Besides the regular budget, there are also *separate budgets* for a number of UN agencies. During 1976-77, these separate budgets made up approximately two-thirds of total UN spending. About 50 percent of this amount (and therefore, 40 percent of total UN spending) came from the United States. Altogether, the United States sank *a billion dollars* into the United Nations during 1976-77, and a total of \$7 billion through 1977. But what have America's taxpayers actually purchased with all of these contributions?

The UN Staff

The U.S. permanent staff to the United Nations has doubled to almost 41,000 during the past decade. In fact, according to *New York Times* correspondent William Sherman, nearly half of every UN dollar is

spent on high salaries, new buildings, office furniture and travel.

The Secretary General of the United Nations is Kurt Waldheim. In the single year of 1976, Waldheim received a salary of \$120,000, and lived in a rent-free palatial residence. He had a staff of 53, and was provided with \$37,000 for domestic help; \$8,000 for car replacement; \$25,000 for maintenance of the residence; and \$45,000 for airline tickets. He also received approximately \$40,000 to entertain heads of state and other VIP's, \$38,000 for interpreters, \$1,500 for reproducing documents, and \$2,000 for a biennial trip to his home in Vienna.

According to columnist Patrick Buchanan, ". . . the U.S. diplomats have made themselves the most coddled 'public servants' in history. No fewer than 73 (an additional 42 at the World Bank) earn as much or more than the \$60,000 paid to U.S. Cabinet officers. Average pay at the U.N. is 38 percent to 57 percent above the U.S. civil service. . . ." What do America's tax-payers get in return? In 1976 alone, according to Buchanan, ". . . we were stuck with 242,000 unpaid parking tickets."

UN Funding Supports PLO

The terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is responsible for a large number of atrocities, such as the massacre of Olympic athletes at Munich in 1972. Yet, two groups affiliated with the PLO are being funded by United States tax-payers, via our funding of the United Nations. These PLO front organizations are the *Special Committee on Palestinian Rights* and

the *Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People*.

Syndicated columnist Robert Allen pointed out that, "the money for them is tucked away in the \$293 million authorization bill for the United Nations. The amount earmarked for the Palestinian committee is \$187,800 — the U.S. share of the \$751,200 UN budget for the PLO panels. This funding of PLO propaganda and other operations in the UN and elsewhere has the full backing of the State Department." In other words, the United Nations does not simply waste money on staff and office expenses; it also helps promote terrorist causes.

The UN Record

Besides the funding of two PLO front groups, there are many other examples which demonstrate that the United Nations is *not* a supporter of true "human rights." The UN has never condemned the Communists for assaulting religious freedom in Latvia, destroying the sanctity of the family in China, abrogating property rights in Cuba, or abolishing free elections in Hungary. Even the recent and well-publicized slaughter in Cambodia has not been condemned. Instead, the UN has always ignored Communist violations of human rights. Even worse, the UN itself has a long history of suppressing basic rights and glorifying tyrants. In 1961, for instance, UN troops in the Congo massacred civilians, bombed hospitals, destroyed churches, and slaughtered women and children. In 1971, the UN expelled the government of Free China and welcomed into its midst the bloody Communist Chinese, the murderers